

FLOOEY THE FAN

(He'll Go to the Game if He Has to Swim There.)

By Vic



Inside the Ring

with the

Great Fighters

by

Charley White.

Charley White Tells of Battle in This City Between Jack Dempsey and Jack Fogarty of Philadelphia for the Middleweight Championship of World and Entire Gate Receipts.

NO. 30—JACK DEMPSEY

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JACK DEMPSEY returned to San Francisco and fought a grudge fight with Jack Keenan of Philadelphia. Keenan was one of Carr's seconds when that fighter was beaten by Dempsey. After that battle Keenan made derogatory remarks about Dempsey, which some one carried to Jack. Jack returned in kind, and the two men met one day in a sporting place in Frisco Keenan upbraided Jack for his remarks.

One word led to another and finally the men decided to settle the fight with fists. A carriage was secured and the two contestants and the other members of the party started for Golden Gate Park. On the way Dempsey said to Keenan: "Jack, I don't want to fight you. We are both from the East and I think we ought to be friends instead of trying to lick each other. I'm bigger than you are and you have no chance against me. I want to beat you." But Keenan said that the only way Dempsey could be his friend would be to beat him in a fight. So the men fought on the turf in Golden Gate Park, encircled by a crowd of spectators, and Dempsey was forced to knock Keenan out in two rounds in order to prove his friendship. Victor and vanquished rode back to Frisco together, but Keenan was badly beaten up.

Dempsey's next fight was with Earl Manning of Los Angeles. It was held in San Francisco at Turn Hall on Aug. 29, 1905. Dempsey had all the better of the argument, and in the fifth round Capt. Bonediet of the police force jumped into the ring and stopped the fight. He was so thoroughly hissed and abused by the crowd that he consented to let the fight go on if the men would use larger gloves. They consented to do this, and the fighting began again. In the seventh round Dempsey had Manning so badly beaten up that the police interfered again, so the referee gave the decision to Dempsey. The following month Jack defeated Tom Norton at Sacramento in four rounds.

Having cleaned up all the California fighters, Dempsey now turned his eyes toward Portland. Soon after his arrival there he was matched to fight the famous Dave Campbell for \$2,000 a side. Campbell was one of the finest athletes in the West, standing over six feet tall, and was the chief of Portland's fire department and a great favorite among the Portland fans. When Dempsey arrived in Portland he was laughed to scorn by the local sports. Campbell towered way above him in stature and bulk, and the Portland sports rushed to get their money down on Campbell. Dempsey was not without his supporters, however. The crowd of California sports who accompanied him had seen him dispose of all comers without regard to size, and they had sufficient faith to unstrap their wads and take advantage of the big odds.

Scene of Battle Kept Secret.

This was to be a bare knuckle fight and could not be held in Portland, so it was arranged to pull off the fight in Lewis County, just over the Washington Territory line. The scene of the battle was kept secret for fear of trouble with the authorities, and many were the schemes and subterfuges resorted to by the fans to learn of the place and date.

On the morning of the scheduled day the two fighters, their attendants, the officials and such sporting men as were in the secret, boarded two steamboats at the Portland docks and started up the Columbia River.

The two steamboats continued up Columbia River until a suitable spot was found in Lewis County on the Washington Territory side. The ring was erected and preparations made for the fight. On entering the arena Campbell walked over to where Dempsey was sitting in his corner and offered to bet \$500 that he would win the bout. Campbell had plenty of wealthy friends and was well supplied with money, but Jack had little or no coin and had to refuse the bet.

In the first and second round Demp-

sey surprised the Portlandites by his skill in ducking, dodging, sidestepping and general legwork, and in the third round Jack put a quick and unexpected end to the battle by knocking Campbell out with a right-hand blow to the jaw. The Campbell adherents were dazed by the result and slowly made their way back to the steamboats, while Dempsey, as soon as the battle was over, jumped out of the ring and ran all the way to the boat to keep himself warm, as the morning was cool and drizzly.

Back in Portland the fight fans, in ignorance of the real outcome of the contest, were preparing to welcome Campbell in gorgeous style, for they had not a doubt that he would return from the fight with victorious honors. The fire department boys brought out hose carts and hook and ladder trucks and festooned them with flags to welcome the supposed victor.

Dempsey's Victory Celebrated.

When the boats docked and the sad news was spread around so angered was the crowd at the unexpected result that the barouche with the four white horses was entirely forgotten and left standing on the dock. However, they did not go unused, for a crowd of California sports who had come up with Dempsey and had cleaned up a tidy sum in bets appropriated the vehicle and, putting Dempsey in it, rode in state up to the principal hotel, where they celebrated Jack's victory in fitting style.

It has been the history of the fighting game that as soon as a boxer attains prominence in it, the fans become eager to find a man who can defeat him. While Dempsey was out on the coast, the sports in the East were looking around for a man who could trim Jack.

They finally picked out Jack Fogarty of Philadelphia, a fighter whose aggressiveness and cleverness were universally acknowledged by those familiar with

the game. Fogarty was a pupil of Arthur Chambers, the lightweight champion under the old London rule. At that time there were two sporting clubs of prominence in New York City. One was the Raquet Club and the other was the New York Athletic Club. The members of these clubs raised a purse of \$5,000 for a match between Dempsey and Fogarty. When the side bets and gate receipts were added this meant a tidy little sum of about \$6,000 for the winner. So Gus Tuttle, who was Jack's manager, telegraphed his challenge to come back to New York to meet Fogarty. Dempsey did so and signed articles down in Philadelphia for a finish fight with Fogarty with two-ounce gloves, under Queensberry rules. The stake was to be the middleweight championship of America and 75 per cent. of the purse and entire gate receipts to the winner. The date was Feb. 2, 1906. The fight took place in a hall on Eighth street. Al Smith was the referee. There were two timers, one from the Raquet Club and the other from the New York Athletic Club. Dempsey weighed 145 pounds and Fogarty 150.

Dempsey's chief second was a former opponent, Tom Clancy of Frisco, while Fogarty was seconded by Arthur Chambers and Billy Edwards. Both of Fogarty's seconds were former lightweight champions under the old London rule, and had fought each other for that title. There was an immense crowd present, and in it were many of the foremost men of New York City, noteworthy representatives of society, politics, law and finance. Among them were William R. Travis, Larry Jerome and David Withers.

Dempsey Scarcely Scratched.

After twenty-seven rounds of the hardest kind of fighting, Dempsey knocked Fogarty out, the defeated man's seconds throwing the sponge into the ring while he was lying insensible on the floor. Fogarty was badly beaten up, while Dempsey was scarcely scratched.

All through the fight Dempsey, following Tuttle's suggestion, played for Fogarty's eyes. In this he was favored by the small gloves. Fogarty, on the other hand, devoted all his attention to Dempsey's short ribs. In the twentieth round Fogarty was almost blind, and he was so weakened by the loss of blood from his nose and mouth, upon which Dempsey had played a regular tattoo all during the fight, that he was nearly all in. In this round Dempsey shot a terrible right hand wallop to Fogarty's jaw, the blow landing with such force that it broke the Philadelphia man's jaw. He dropped to the floor, almost out, but his bulldog tenacity brought him to his feet again inside the ten second limit. And for seven more rounds Fogarty fought with a broken jaw, although he must have suffered terribly. It was a wonderful exhibition of gameness.

Dempsey's next fight was with the

famous Pete McCoy. McCoy, who came from Boston, was one of the cleverest welterweights that ever drew on a glove and was a fighter from his toes up. He had met plenty of good men and had beaten the most of them. So when McCoy challenged Dempsey, the latter was not slow to take it up. The fight was held at Jersey City on Feb. 24, 1906. The local fans were quite worked up over this bout and the house was packed to the doors. There were two referees, Mike Cleary and Jimmy Ryan, each of whom was supposed to offset any bias on the part of the other. McCoy put up a slashing good fight and made Dempsey extend himself all the way. At the end of the sixth round both referees were

agreed that the decision belonged to Dempsey and he was awarded the fight, although many of the spectators thought the decision should have been a draw. Between the time that Dempsey returned from the coast and the fight with Fogarty, Jack issued a challenge to fight any two men in America four rounds each in the same ring on the same night. This challenge was accepted by Jimmy Murray of Providence, then considered the lightweight champion, and Tom Henry of England. It was held in a hall up in Eighth street. Dempsey made good his offer, beating both men in four rounds each. The next chapter will also deal with Jack Dempsey.

Round the World and Meridian Rule Even for Derby.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 12.—The fact that Molesworth will not ride Gov. Gray, the favorite in the Kentucky Derby, to-morrow has not impaired that gelding's chances, according to betting indications. The official odds today are placed at 3 to 1. Meridian and Round the World rule about even

as second choices, while Colston is said by horsemen to have the best chance of any of the outsiders to capture the classic. Meridian arrived here yesterday from Lexington. The R. F. Carman candidate is said to have been greatly improved by the Blue Grass Stakes race.

Following are the probable starters, weights, jockeys and prices:

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